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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON STATUS OF PROPOSED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AT SUBJECT SEMINAR. THIS PARTICIPATION IS CERTAIN TO BE AMONG TOPICS OF CZECHOSLOVAK INTEREST DURING MARCH 29-31 VISIT OF CEQ MEMBER JOHN BUSTERUD, AND WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER INFO ON US PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

2. FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (FMTID) HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT SEMINAR DATES NOW TENTATIVELY SET FOR JUNE 4-7; VENUE HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO PRAGUE DUE UNAVAILABILITY SUITABLE ACCOMODATIONS IN SPA CITIES, BUT FIELD TRIP TO NORTH BOHEMIA INDUSTRIAL AREA STILL POSSIBLE IF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS SO DESIRE. FMTID HAS ALSO CONFIRMED ITS WILLINGNESS ASSUME IN- COUNTRY EXPENSES OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS PRESENTING PAPERS ON TOPICS LISTED IN PARA 3 OF PRAGUE 401.

3. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PROGRAM OFFICIAL ROBERT HULL, CURRENTLY IN PRAGUE, WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS UNDER NSF AUSPICES, WITH AIM OF IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC AREAS IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD WHICH OFFER PROMISE FOR FUTURE JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS. HULL WILL DISCUSS FURTHER ON HIS

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APRIL 2 RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

4. AS REGARDS NUMBER OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, WE BELIEVE FOUR OR FIVE WOULD MAKE RESPECTABLE SHOWING BUT FMTID TELLS US THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE AS MANY AS 20 AMERICANS COME. SHERER

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